

County Detective Allyn and others, Kline repeatedly said that he had wanted to give Bergen an "even chance" for his life but that Bergen had tried to cheat. He showed not the slightest appearance of regret; his care seemed to be to protect his wife's name as far as he could. In each statement he made he grew stronger in his assertions that he believed Bergen had taken advantage of his wife by persuading her to drink wine and by force.

Mr. McCarty went to Edgewater today in the hope of finding that Mrs. Kline, who was in the care of her mother, Mrs. Scullion, who lives next door to the Kline home, had so far recovered that she could be questioned. He intended to ask her to go into her own home and show him the shooting took place.

The story as told by Kline was that he took Mrs. Kline to Saranac Lake when he was commissioned to look up a mountain location for a film for the Fox Company. He went back to New York for one day to make a preliminary report. Just what Bergen was doing at Saranac was not clear. Representatives for the Fox company said to him he had not been employed in a Fox picture for a long time.

Bergen, Kline said, was a man he had befriended. They became friends in Salt Lake City a year ago. Some months ago, Bergen, he said, under arrest at Atlantic City on a burglary charge, appealed to him and Kline got him free and found work for him.

Mrs. Kline told her husband yesterday, he said, that after he went to New York, Bergen came to her room with a bottle of wine which had been sent to the hotel office addressed to Kline. Bergen told Mrs. Kline he had signed for it and suggested that they drink it. They did, according to Kline's narrative, and Mrs. Kline lost the strength to resist Bergen when he made love to her.

In some versions of the story, as told by Kline, he said he was satisfied Bergen made a brutal attack on Mrs. Kline when she was practically helpless.

Kline, according to the statement made by Lawrence and Thomas Scullion, the brothers, was convinced that his wife was trying to take the blame on her herself more than she should, possibly with the hope of preventing the killing which actually followed, and with an instinctive feeling that her husband's love was great enough to forgive her.

At any rate, he summoned the Scullion brothers and with their approval determined to send for Bergen and question him in Mrs. Kline's presence.

Bergen crossed from New York on a Fort Lee ferryboat last night and hired Owen Landau, an Edgewater taxi driver, to take him to the Kline home. Bergen was ushered into a room where Kline, his wife and her brothers were waiting. The two Kline children, Conrad, seven, and Mildred, four, were in another room.

Bergen, according to Kline and the three others, was accused of having attacked Mrs. Kline and admitted it in these words:

"Yes, I did it. What about it? She's only a common bum."

"As long as you feel that way about it," Kline said, "let's settle this thing like two men."

Kline then handed Bergen a German Luger automatic pistol and, taking a heavy army automatic himself, said:

"Now we will go upstairs and settle this thing between ourselves. The rest of you stay here."

The two children of the Klines had been put to bed before the family conference began.

Kline said that as the two reached the upper story of the house he saw Bergen make a stealthy motion to his side pocket with his left hand and draw out the leather-covered handle of a blackjack. With the object of disabling Bergen, he said he fired a quick shot to cripple his left arm. The bullet struck Bergen's left breast.

The actor crumpled and rolled down the stairs to the feet of Mrs. Kline and her brothers who had run into the hall at the sound of the shot. Kline caught up the Luger which Bergen had dropped and followed.

Bergen staggered to his feet. One of the brothers opened the front door and he staggered out into the dark.

TAXI DRIVER SAYS HE HEARD TWO SHOTS.

Landau, the chauffeur, here taken up the story. He said he was in front of the house when he heard two shots. He drove away for a policeman. When he returned with one Bergen was lying in front of the Kline home. He was carried to the Edgewater police station in the taxi and placed in a chair.

When a policeman read aloud the note Bergen had written Bergen seemed to try to gather strength to say something, but was only able to nod his head. He fell over dead.

Kline succeeded the late Henry McAvoy, son of the former Mayor of Fort Lee, as location manager for the Fox Film. McAvoy was killed by an explosion in his garage while experimenting with flashlight powder some time ago. Kline is a few years older than Bergen. His real name is said to be Van Wald by his neighbors.

The Manhattan address of Bergen is the home of the National Vaudeville Artists' Club. When he joined the club two years ago he gave his address as No. 214 East 115th Street. At the 115th Street address he was known as a Wild West performer.

So far as is known, he was not married. He did not live at the club but received his mail there.

FIRE SWEEPS TAMPOCO WITH \$2,000,000 LOSS.

TAMPOCO, Mex., Aug. 26.—Twenty-eight buildings in the heart of the city are in ruins, the result of a fire yesterday. Three lives are reported lost, 15 persons are injured, and the damage is estimated at \$2,000,000. Some of the buildings were owned by Americans.

SCHOOL HOUSE ENGULFED IN WILKES BARRE, N.Y.

WILKES BARRE, N.Y., Aug. 26.—Larkville high school, a three story structure, with accommodations for 600 children, practically was destroyed early today by a fire which engulfed it to a depth of 20 feet. The building toppled slightly before it subsided. It was valued at \$250,000.

SENATORS' WHIMS DELAY RELIEF IN COAL EMERGENCY

Borah's Commission Bill Sidetracked to Let Statesmen Talk Idly.

(Special to The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The Senate yesterday afternoon gave one of those whimsical performances for which it is famous when something really important is at stake and there is emergency legislation to be dealt with.

Shortly after morning business was disposed of, Senator Borah called up his Coal Commission Bill, and with promises of administration backing appeared to be making progress toward a vote.

He accepted a few minor amendments, including one to exclude from membership on the Commission Government officers or employees, and signified his willingness to permit other amendments which would not distort the original purpose of the bill.

Senator Reed of Missouri, Senator Shield of Tennessee, Robinson of Arkansas, Sterling of South Dakota and Edge of New Jersey spoke briefly on the bill.

Then Senator McCumber thought it an opportune time to correct a misinterpretation by Senator Wadsworth of his remarks yesterday relating to the Bonus Bill, and he started a discussion which was later taken up by New of Indiana, Reed of Pennsylvania and other administration Senators, with the result that the Coal Commission measure was sidetracked for the day and perhaps for several days.

Thus legislation in which the administration professes to be intensely interested, taking care of an emergency, received another setback.

Delays such as were given the Borah bill today will raise a justifiable suspicion that the President's recommendations to Congress were a mere gesture to satisfy those who are clamoring for action on the part of the Government in the present stringency.

A vote could have been had on the coal legislation yesterday afternoon with any sort of cooperation from some of the administration Senators, who caused it to be laid aside.

Proposed restrictions on the personnel of the commission brought a lot of discussion and promises to furnish more talk before the bill is passed.

Borah, author of the bill, excluded members of Congress from membership on the commission by a provision in the original draft.

Doubtless he wanted to eliminate the possibility of Congressional "lame ducks" being given places on the fact-finding body, as he has always opposed "lame duck" appointments.

Then Senator "Jim" Reed of Missouri, after inquiring why members of Congress were excluded, offered an amendment which would exclude in general all Government employees, particularly officers of the executive branch of the Government.

This will eliminate the Missouri Senator's arch enemy, Herbert Hoover, who was expected to play a part in the formation of the new commission.

Senator Shield of Tennessee thought it a convenient time to provide for excluding all persons connected with the industry, whether miners, operators or distributors of having any interest whatever in the business.

Senator Robinson emphatically disapproved all those who wanted to circumscribe the President in selecting coal commissioners, claiming it would be a wholly academic group which would be expected to conduct this inquiry if all the classes mentioned were eliminated.

Senator Edge of New Jersey, another administration Senator, proposed the most drastic amendment of the day. He proposed an entirely new section to the Borah bill which would clothe the President with discretionary power to take over the coal mines of the country in any emergency that may arise out of the strike situation.

BRITAIN TO URGE NEW REPARATIONS HEARING BE HELD

Would Give Germany Another Chance to State Its Position.

PARIS, Aug. 26 (Associated Press).—British reparations officials will urge that Germany be given another hearing by the full membership of the Reparations Commission before final determination of the reparations question is made, it was learned in an authoritative quarter here today.

CONSOLIDATED GAS LEADS STOCK RISE

Various Speculators Score New High for the Year.

Following the failure of professional operators to force liquidation shortly after the opening of the Stock Market today, bullish demonstrations sent several specialties soaring. Consolidated Gas led the list with a gain of nine points. Brooklyn Union Gas burst up a new 1922 high in the second hour of trading at 119. National Lead also reached a new high for the year, at 108. American Tobacco registered a new high for the year, touching 124.

Recoveries of a point or more also were made by Baldwin Locomotive, Studebaker and Steel company, Continental Gas, Eastman Kodak and General Electric. The session closed.

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Lieutenant Shot While Handcuffing Injured Officer.

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STEAMER FRANCE, 1,158 ABOARD, JUST MISSES COLLISION

Commissioner Copeland on Liner Which Almost Strikes Freighter in Fog.

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The French Line steamship France, which arrived in quarantine this morning after breaking all French Line records for the Eastern voyage, narrowly escaped colliding head on in the lower bay with the large freighter Algor and, as a result, its 1,158 passengers were given a scare they will not soon forget. Among the passengers were Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Commissioner of Health, and Mrs. Copeland, Paul Poret, French gun designer, Irene Bordini, Anna Case and other notables.

The France had pulled out of Quarantine on its way to its pier and was shaping a course around the Scythia, a Coronia, America and several freighters. The Algor suddenly swerved out of the heavy fog to a position directly in front of the France. Capt. Marcel Roché, of the French liner, instantly reversed the engines and the big liner grazed the anchor chains of the Algor.

This occurred only a few minutes after 300 employees of the Health Department and other friends of Commissioner Copeland had given the Commissioner a rousing reception from the decks of the Health Department boat Riverside. They followed the France up the bay.

Commissioner Copeland, who was in Europe ten weeks, spoke of the deplorable condition of residents of Poland, and announced that he would start a drive immediately to provide between \$100,000 and \$250,000 to establish hospitals in the new country to fight typhus. Increase of caution in this country to prevent the disease coming into New York also is included in the Commissioner's plans.

Dr. Copeland previewed the campaign of The Evening World for a coal inquiry and declared that if the coal crisis goes into the winter the unlimited powers of his department will be invoked to seize supplies of coal for the poor.

Others among the passengers were Mitty and Tilly, "Parisian dancers, who will appear in the Ziegfeld Follies, and Mrs. Alfred Carlier of No. 312 Riverside Drive, who was called the prettiest woman aboard.

COLLINS WILL LIE NEAR PARNELL IN FAMED GLASNEVIN

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not to the man who desires mere ease and peace but to him who does not shrink from danger, who endures the bitter toil, and who, of these, wins the splendid and ultimate triumph."

That was Collins' creed.

DUBLIN, Aug. 26.—The Free State, while outwardly devoting every attention to honoring Collins and making ready for the funeral, is rushing preparations to resist any attempt by Eamon De Valera and his rebel army to seize this opportunity of capturing the capital, and setting up a republic.

Reports still persist that De Valera is in County Louth, planning an assault on Dublin over the week-end.

The Government today proclaimed Monday a day of mourning throughout the Free State territory. All work and commerce, except that which is essential, will be suspended for the entire day in Dublin.

William T. Cosgrave, now in charge of civil affairs, will be elected to head the Government when Parliament meets. It is generally believed, however, that he is perhaps the next strongest member of the present group of leaders, and his place as well as those of Collins in the Finance Ministry and George Gavan Duffy in the Foreign Affairs Department will be hard to fill.

LONDON, Aug. 26 (Associated Press).—A mine was exploded under a lorry loaded with Irish National troops at Bushfield, hurling them a considerable distance, according to a despatch received today from the Exchange Telegraph's Nenagh correspondent. Irregulars then opened fire and one National was killed. National reinforcements were rushed to the scene.

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PHONE BROADCAST EFFECTS CAPTURE OF FOUR CONVICTS

Driver of Their Car Shot Dead, Others Taken in Cornfield.

RAPID CITY, S. D., Aug. 26.—

Accounting for the four prisoners who escaped from the Sioux Falls Penitentiary Aug. 17, taking with them as a hostage the warden, was accomplished through the ingenuity of a Cheyenne River boatman and a telephone operator at Creighton. It became known to-day when details of the killing of one of the convicts and the capture of the other three yesterday became available.

The boatman insisted that the river was too rapid for a crossing and the men in a motor car driven by Henry Coffey, a Negro, headed through the sparsely settled country for Creighton. There a telephone operator saw them at a filling station and broadcast the information.

A posse quickly appeared and a mile and a half south of Creighton got within rifle range. A bullet struck Coffey in the head, killing him instantly. The machine plunged into a ditch, and the other three convicts, falling free, scurried into a cornfield. Joe Foreman, leader of the quartet, fell with a bullet through his foot.

Joe Teel and J. B. King were retaken when the cornfield was surrounded. Teel begged his companion to kill him to keep the officers from re-arresting him.

M. L. Parish, State's Attorney, wounded yesterday when the convicts stole his motor car after overpowering three officers, two of whom were shot, was in a serious condition today at a Mitchell hospital. J. C. Babcock, Sheriff of Jones County, and J. A. Robertson, were expected to recover from their wounds.

U. S. WARSHIP FIGHTS CHINESE BANDS

Disorganized Soldiers Firing on Ships.

PEKING, Aug. 26 (Associated Press).—Gunboats of the foreign powers, including the U. S. S. Isabel, flagship of Rear Admiral W. H. G. Bullard, commanding the American Yangtze River patrol, have been ordered to the Yangtze Gorge district with instructions to exterminate the hands of disorganized soldiers who are firing on foreign merchant craft.

A Greek surveyor and a French engineer and his daughter, living at Shanchow, province of Honan, have been kidnapped by brigands and are being held for \$100,000 ransom, according to advices received by the foreign legations in Peking. The advices added that towns in the neighborhood of Shanchow have been looted.

MAY CALL CONGRESS TO TAKE UP SUBSIDY

Harding Considers Extra Session Possibility.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—Congress may be called into special session in November, provided the present session adjourns meanwhile, to consider the Administration Ship Subsidy Bill, it was stated at the White House.

In agreeing to a delay in consideration of the measure, it was said, President Harding did not forego any intention of pressing the bill to a vote before the December session.

Calling of Congress into extraordinary session after the November elections, a spokesman for the Administration said, would depend largely on whether conditions were considered propitious for favorable action on the proposal at that time.

CORONER TO EXHUME "GHOST WOMAN'S" BODY

"Haunted" Relatives Have Theory Mrs. Hargrave Died From Poison.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—The body of Mrs. Gertrude Hargrave will be exhumed to investigate rumors that she died from poison, Coroner Peter Hoffman announced today.

Relatives of the dead woman insist that her ghost is haunting them. The ghost haunts the home of Mrs. Martha Lemm, sister of Mrs. Hargrave, and seems to be in distress, Mrs. Lemm declares.

Walter M. Hargrave scoffs at Mrs. Lemm's suspicions, but has given his permission for the exhumation. Mrs. Lemm says the Hargraves quarreled.

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Moscow's New Gambling Casino Rivals the Famous Monte Carlo

Single Plays Reach Hundred Million Rubles, Total for Night a Trillion, in U. S. Money \$25,000.

MOSCOW, Aug. 26 (Associated Press).—A gambling casino rivaling the famous Monte Carlo Casino in magnitude of play has been opened in Moscow. Crowds are continually milling about the various tables during the hours of play, which are from 8 o'clock in the evening until 10 in the morning.

There is a scattering representation of foreigners, but those who spend the night at baccarat, roulette and other games, where the minimum play ranges from ten million to one hundred million rubles, are mostly Moscovites. Millions of rubles change hands on each deal at baccarat.

Most of the profit taken by the house goes to the Government in taxes or famine benefits. The house draw of 5 per cent. is reported in one night to have totaled more than fifty billion rubles, indicating that the play reached one trillion rubles, of \$25,000.

Well-dressed men and women rub elbows with the unshaven and poorly clothed at tables where the croupiers speak French and money changers accept gold and foreign currency.

Casinos also have been opened in Petrograd and other places under the recent Government decree legalizing certain forms of gambling.

COAL PROFITEERING BILL IS HELD UP IN COMMITTEE; DEMAND HEARINGS BE HELD

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coal and rail situations were awaited by the Administration before proceeding further in its policy of Federal operation, as discussed at a conference last night between President Harding, Chairman Cummins of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, and Attorney General Daugherty.

Senator Cummins declared after the conference that the anthracite operators and miners would be given one more opportunity to settle their differences before he would introduce a bill authorizing Federal operation of the mines and that the railroads likewise would be given a "reasonable" time to demonstrate their ability to furnish adequate service and that those that failed would be taken over. He was confident that Congress would speedily enact legislation for both.

The bills will be introduced in Congress probably not later than Monday. Much impatience is felt here at the delay in improving the situation and sharp action is likely unless the carriers and the strikers get together.

Senator Cummins already has drafted the first bill. Plans for Federal operation were discussed at a White House conference last night, participated in by the President, Attorney General Daugherty and Senator Cummins (Rep., Ia.), and a tentative programme has been prepared.

The roads required for the transportation of fuel will be those first brought under Federal authority. In addition, legislation will be introduced permitting the President to operate certain coal mines in the public interest. The coal legislation will be introduced first.

Administration overtures in the anthracite situation were believed today to have assured another meeting between the two parties to the dispute next week and hope that a final adjustment would be reached then was based on certain proposals which it was indicated would be presented to the prospective conference.

The question of bituminous production, now gradually getting back to normal, entered into the conference discussion only from the standpoint of transportation and it was the view of officials that the ability of the mine coal to meet the needs of the nation was not a factor in determining factor as to the necessity for Federal operation of carriers.

The sharp increase in bituminous production will make unnecessary a continuance of the super-priority system of distribution which has operated under the volunteer Federal coal distribution organization. It is believed by its officials, who indicated that the organization probably would go out of existence next week. A skeleton organization, however, would be retained to provide a nucleus for any distribution agency which Congress may create.

U. S. SENDS 100,000 TONS OF COAL HERE

\$10 a Ton, Plus City Delivery Cost, to Be Paid.

Definite assurances have been received from the National Fuel Distributor in Washington that New York's allotment of 100,000 tons of soft coal will be shipped here rapidly, it has been announced by the State Coal Commission, for distribution under Interstate Commerce Commission priorities at an estimated cost of \$10 a ton, exclusive of city delivery costs.

A shipment of 40,000 tons will be the first to arrive, of which some 10,000 will be allowed to the city for pressing municipal needs. Financing of the 100,000 ton quota was arranged by a group of banks which guarantee payment. The coal will be sold at cost, and be distributed under direction of the State commission, but through facilities of local dealers who have agreed to co-operate.

The estimated price of \$10 a ton is based on the Hoover fair price of \$4.50 at the mines, plus freight and other charges to bring the coal into the harbor and unload it. Only allotments sufficient to meet current needs will be given applicants.

Members of the commission expect to meet local dealers early next week to plan for educating the public to use bituminous coal, not only for heating but for cooking.

Dock Commissioner John H. DeLaney announced last night that he had temporarily restricted current wharfage rates on several Manhattan and Staten Island piers to enable coal carriers, hitherto unable to pay the high charges of 3 1/2 cents a ton and a minimum of \$100 a day, to unload cargoes at what is called the open pier rate of 2 cents a ton only. Several coal carriers which arrived from New-

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HARD COAL PEACE HOPE IS REVIVED

No Serious Obstacle Says Senator Pepper.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 26.—Hope for early settlement of the anthracite suspension has been revived. After a conference last night with John H. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers, Senator George Wharton Pepper, Pennsylvania, declared that "no insurmountable difficulties exist in the path of anthracite peace."

Indication that the joint conference which ended abruptly last Tuesday may be resumed in the near future, is found in reports that Secretary of Labor Davis and Howard Davis, chief negotiator of the Bureau of Labor, probably will hold a conference with Lewis some time today.

The conference between Senator Pepper and Lewis lasted nearly three hours. Others present included Phil M. Murray, International Vice President of the mine workers, and William A. Glasgow, Jr., counsel for the miners.

COAL SHORTAGE FORCES FORD TO CLOSE HIS PLANT

DETROIT, Aug. 26.—Henry Ford will announce to-night that the Ford Motor Company plants around Detroit will be closed down Sept. 15, it was stated at the Ford offices today, because of coal shortage. Six thousand men already have been laid off at the River Rouge plant. Sixty-nine thousand more men in the Detroit area will be affected by the order. Closing down of Ford plants in other parts of the country is under consideration.

COAL SHORTAGE AT EUROPEAN PORTS

Fabre Liner Patria Forced to Stop at Azores for Fuel.

The coal shortage has struck the Fabre Line steamer Patria, which docked early today at the foot of 31st Street, Brooklyn, returning from Marseilles by way of Naples and Palermo. Capt. Pierre Dubois was unable to get enough coal for the trip to Marseilles or at the Italian ports, and was consequently forced to make a stop at the coaling station at Ponta Delgada, in the Azores.

There were two deaths at sea, Capt. Deschamps died. Calogoro Bellavia, fifty-nine years old, of New Pittston, Pa., and Donata Lombardo, eleven years old, who was coming to America with her parents to visit a grandfather, Antonio Petrella, a merchant of No. 259 Fifth Avenue, Newark. Death in both cases was due to stomach trouble.

'LOST' KLAN PAPERS REVEAL PLANS FOR BIG OFFICES HERE

Charge of Extortion Against Finders Brings Hint of Ku Klux Secrets.

Documents of the Ku Klux Klan, declared to be of great importance to that order, figured in a complaint before Magistrate Renaud in Essex Market Court today when Lloyd P. Hooper, former Grand Goblin for the East and now an organizer for the Owls, appeared against two men accused by him of attempted extortion.

The defendants were William Suss, twenty-five, a jobber, of No. 1482 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, and Benjamin Steinberg, twenty-seven, a restaurant keeper, of No. 900 Union Avenue, the Bronx.

Hooper accused the two men of having attempted to extort \$25 for the safe return of documents which were in a brief bag which he lost, either last Monday or Tuesday near 42d Street and Broadway.

The prisoners were represented by Abraham Yarchover of 321 E. Nassau Street and asked for an adjournment until September 6. Magistrate Renaud granted the adjournment, fixing bail at \$1,000 each. Hooper objected, saying he needed the papers held as evidence in litigation. Magistrate Renaud informed him he might secure them by subpoena.